

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Sex Female | Date of birth 17/11/1984 | Nationality Spanish

WORK EXPERIENCE

2016 - Present

Assistant Professor

Department of Social Psychology, University of Seville, Spain

2018 – Present. Co-director Master Degree 'International Migrations, Health, and Wellbeing: Models and Strategies of Intervention', University of Seville.

2012 - 2016

Interim Substitute Professor

Department of Social Psychology, University of Seville, Spain

2008 – 2011

FPI Research and Teaching Fellowship

Department of Social Psychology, University of Seville, Spain

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

17/02/2012

Ph.D. in Psychology

University of Seville, Seville, Spain

Thesis: A Liberation Psychology approach to responses of immigrants living in oppressive settlement contexts: Determinants of the well-being of the Moroccan population in Southern Spain.

International Doctorate Graded Summa Cum Laude.

1/07/2007

B.A. in Psychology

University of Seville, Seville, Spain

GPA: 9.44/10

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue

Spanish

Other language

English

UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
Independent user	Independent user	Independent user	Independent user	Independent user

Levels: A1/2: Basic user - B1/2: Independent user - C1/2 Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

- Computer skills
- Microsoft Office™ tools
 - SPSS - Statistical Package for the Social Sciences
 - Atlas-ti – Qualitative Data Analysis

- Research interests
- Social justice
 - Social change
 - Community engagement
 - Well-being
 - Immigration
 - Refugees

FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS AND GRANTS

- “A Community-Based Participatory Action-Research on Reproductive Justice Led by Roma Teenager Girls”
- Funded by: Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation, and Universities. National Plan I+D+i (Retos Investigación). Ref. RTI2018-096403-B-I00.
 - Coordinators: Manuel García Ramírez & **Virginia Paloma** (Universidad de Sevilla).
 - Duration: 2019-2021
 - Funding: 43.290 €
- “Empowering at-Risk Roma Girls’ Mattering through Reproductive Justice (ROMOMATTER)”
- Funded by: European Commission, Directorate-General Justice and Consumers.
 - Coordinator: Manuel García Ramírez (Universidad de Sevilla).
 - Duration: 2019-2021
 - Funding: 499.907,43 €
- “Action Map for the Improvement of the Wellbeing of the Immigrant Population in Andalusia”
- Funded by: General Directorate of Migration Policy Coordination of the Regional Government of Andalucía (Spain).
 - Coordinator: **Virginia Paloma**
 - Duration: 2018
 - Funding: 15,333 €
- “Strengthening the Resilience Processes among the Refugee Population settled in Seville”
- Funded by: Universidad de Sevilla’s Office for Development Cooperation (2017/04/02).
 - Coordinator: **Virginia Paloma**
 - Duration: 2017-2018
 - Funding: 2,800 €
- “Humanitarian crisis and Improvement of Psychological Well-being among the Refugee Population settled in Andalusia”
- Funded by: Lafourcade Ponce Spanish Foundation for the Psychological Well-being (2017/INT).
 - Coordinator: **Virginia Paloma**
 - Duration: 2016-2017
 - Funding: 6,000 €
- “Immigrant Well-being and Social Justice in Andalusia: Building a Multilevel Dynamic System”
- Funded by Fundación Pública Andaluza “Centro de Estudios Andaluces”
 - Ref.: PRJ201402367
 - Coordinator: **Virginia Paloma**
 - Duration: 2014-2016
 - Funding: 30,855 €
- “Peer Review of the Situational Assessment Report (SAR) on Assessment of Migrant, Occupational and Public Health at Southern EU Borders”
- Sub action “Migrant health at Southern Borders” of the “Equi-Health: Fostering health provision of migrants, the Roma and other vulnerable groups”.
 - Management: Fundación de Investigación de la Universidad de Sevilla (FIUS)
 - Reference: PRJ201402321
 - Co-funded by the International Organization for Migrations and the European Commission’s Directorate Generale for Health, Consumers and Food (DG SANTE) through the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (Chafea).
 - Coordinator: Roumyana Petrova-Benedict (IOM Brussels)
 - Position: Researcher
 - Duration: 2013 - 2015
 - Funding: 1,800 €

- “Community cultural competence: Competent professionals for diverse communities”
- Funded by the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation
 - National Plan I+D+i (Scientific Research, Development and Technological Innovation)
 - Ref. PSI2011-25554
 - Coordinator: Manuel García Ramírez
 - Position: Researcher
 - Duration: 2012 - 2015
 - Funding: 44,000 €
- “Erasmus Curriculum development project – Health and social care for migrants and minorities”
- Funded by the Education, Audiovisual & Culture Executive Agency. Erasmus Unit / Jean Monnet / Study Centers.
 - Coordinator: David Ingleby (ERCOMER, Utrecht University, The Netherlands)
 - Position: Researcher
 - Duration: 2007-2009
 - Funding: 220,442 €
- “The community integration of Moroccan immigrants in Andalusia: Community survey”
- Funded by the Junta de Andalucía (Consejería de Gobernación, Convocatoria de Subvenciones a Universidades, 2007)
 - Expt. N° 2007/87
 - Coordinator: Manuel García Ramírez
 - Position: Researcher
 - Duration: 2007-2008
 - Funding: 15,000 €
- “Community integration of Moroccan immigrants in Andalusia. Predictive factors and lines of action”
- Funded by the Ministry of Science and Innovation (I+D+I National Plan), Government of Spain
 - Ref.: SEJ2006-14470
 - Coordinator: Manuel García Ramírez
 - Position: Researcher
 - Duration: 2006 – 2009
 - Funding: 39,000 €
- “The community integration of Moroccan immigrants in Andalusia: Indicators of well-being, adaptation and acceptance”
- Funded by Junta de Andalucía (Consejería de Gobernación, Convocatoria de Subvenciones a Universidades, 2006)
 - Expt. N° 2006/30; Ref.: SUBCG-001/2006
 - Coordinator: Manuel García Ramírez
 - Position: Researcher
 - Duration: 2006-2007
 - Funding: 18,000 €

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

Scientific Papers

- Escobar-Ballesta, M., García-Ramírez, M., Albar, M.J., & **Paloma, V.** (2019). Salud Sexual y Reproductiva en Mujeres Gitanas: El Programa de Planificación Familiar del Polígono Sur. *Gaceta Sanitaria*, 33(3), 222-228. doi: 10.1016/j.gaceta.2017.12.006 [JCR, Q2].
- Iglesias-Pascual, R., **Paloma, V.**, & García-Ramírez, M. (2018). Contextual factors and prejudice at the beginning of the migrant influx: The Moroccan case in Seville, Spain. *Population, Space and Place*. doi: 10.1002/psp.2204 [JCR, Q1].
- Paloma, V.**, Lenzi, M., Furlanis, N., Vieno, A., & García-Ramírez, M. (2018). Sociopolitical Control for Immigrants: The Role of Receiving Local Contexts. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 62 (1-2), 41-50. doi: 10.1002/ajcp.12263 [JCR, Q1].
- Taurini, E., **Paloma, V.**, García-Ramírez, M., Marzana, D., & Marta, E. (2017). Effects of the community engagement of migrants on their well-being: The case of Moroccan leaders in southern Spain. *Journal of Prevention & Intervention in the Community*, 45 (1), 32-43. [SJR, Q3].
- Paloma, V.**, García-Ramírez, M., Camacho, C., & Olmedo, L. (2016). How are we studying migrant well-being? A critical view from a liberating community psychology approach. *Community Psychology in Global Perspective*, 2 (1), 73-86.
- Guariso, G., **Paloma, V.**, Arias, S., Garrido, R., & García-Ramírez, M. (2016). Photovoice as a research-intervention tool for youth neighborhood activism in societally vulnerable contexts. *Global Journal of Community Psychology Practice*, 7 (3), 1-18.



- Paloma, V.**, García-Ramírez, M., & Camacho, C. (2014). Well-being and social justice among Moroccan migrants in southern Spain. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 54 (1/2), 1-11. [JCR, Impact Factor: **2.145; Q1**]
- Hernández-Plaza, S., García-Ramírez, M., Herrera, I., Luque-Ribelles, V., & **Paloma, V.** (2013). De la opresión al bienestar. Explorando poder, opresión y bienestar entre inmigrantes Marroquíes en España. *Global Journal of Community Psychology Practice*, 3 (4), 517-529.
- Balcazar, F., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Bibiana, S., Keys, C.B., García-Ramírez, M., & **Paloma, V.** (2012). A case study of liberation among Latino immigrant families who have children with disabilities. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 49, 283-293. [JCR, Impact Factor: **1.978; Q1**]
- Paloma, V.**, García-Ramírez, M., & Camacho, C. (2012). Relazione tra benessere e giustizia nella popolazione marocchina nel Sud della Spagna. *Psicologia di Comunità*, 1, 81-100.
- García-Ramírez, M., De la Mata, M., **Paloma, V.**, & Hernández-Plaza, S. (2011). A liberation psychology approach to acculturative integration of migrant populations. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 47, 86-97. [JCR, Impact Factor: **1.722; Q1**]
- Paloma, V.** & Manzano-Arrondo, V. (2011). The role of organizations from liberation psychology: Application to the study of migrations. *Psychosocial Intervention*, 20 (3), 309-318. [SJR, Q3].
- Albar, M.J., García-Ramírez, M., El Karkri, M., Luque-Ribelles, V., **Paloma, V.**, Camacho, C., El Jebari, T., Hernández-Plaza, S., Paloma-Castro, O., Garrido, R., & Sevillano, J.M. (2010). Contribuciones de la psicología de la liberación a la integración de la población inmigrante. *Intervención Psicosocial*, 19 (3), 223-234.
- Paloma, V.**, García-Ramírez, M., De la Mata, M., & Amal (2010). Acculturative integration, self and citizenship construction: The experience of Amal-Andaluzá, a grassroots organization of Moroccan women in Andalucía. *International Journal of Intercultural Relations*, 34, 101-113. [JCR, Impact Factor: **1.054; Q2**]
- García-Ramírez, M., Albar, M.J., & **Paloma, V.** (2010). Migrant liberation psychology: Coalition for the study of health, power and diversity. *The Community Psychologist*, 43 (1), 5-6.
- García-Ramírez, M., **Paloma, V.**, Suarez-Balcazar, Y. & Balcazar, F. (2009). Building international collaborative capacity: Contributions of community psychologists to a European network. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 44 (1/2), 116-122. [JCR, Impact Factor: **2.162; Q1**]
- Paloma, V.**, Herrera, I. & García-Ramírez, M. (2009). The psychopolitical validation of health research for minorities: Conceptualizing well-being among Moroccan immigrants. *International Journal of Migration, Health and Social Care*, 5 (1), 25-33. [SJR, Q3].

Books & Book Chapters

- Paloma, V.** (Coord.) (2017). *Experimentos virtuales de intervenciones sociales para la mejora del bienestar inmigrante en Andalucía*. Sevilla: Fundación Pública Centro de Estudios Andaluces, Junta de Andalucía. ISBN: 978-84-944564-3-5.
- García-Ramírez, M., Luque-Ribelles, V., Albar, M.J., **Paloma, V.**, & Garrido, R. (2015). *Migraciones irregulares y salud ocupacional de los Guardias Civiles en las fronteras del sur de España*. Sevilla: CESPYP, Universidad de Sevilla.
- Hernández-Plaza, S., García-Ramírez, M., Camacho, C., & **Paloma, V.** (2010). New settlement and wellbeing in oppressive contexts: A liberation psychology approach. In S.C. Carr (Ed.), *The psychology of Global Mobility* (pp. 235-256). New York: Springer.
- García-Ramírez, M., Camacho, C., Hernández-Plaza, S., Albar, M.J., Manzano, V., & **Paloma, V.** (2009). Psicología de la liberación e integración comunitaria: Identificando las condiciones de opresión en inmigrantes marroquíes del Sur de España. En C. Vázquez-Rivera (Ed.), *Psicología Comunitaria Internacional: Agendas Compartidas en la Diversidad* (pp. 212-234). Puerto Rico: Universidad de Puerto Rico, Instituto FILIUS.
- García-Ramírez, M., Albar, M.J., Morano, R., & **Paloma, V.** (2007). Metodología de la intervención social: Implicaciones para la investigación y la práctica de la psicología comunitaria. En I. Maya, M. García-Ramírez & F.J. Santolaya (Eds.), *Estrategias de Intervención Psicosocial. Casos Prácticos* (pp. 45-75). Madrid: Pirámide.
- García-Ramírez, M., Albar, M.J., Morano, R., & **Paloma, V.** (2006). Buenas prácticas comunitarias. Introducción a la metodología de la psicología de la intervención social. En M.I. Hombrados, M.A. García & T. López (Coord.), *Intervención Social y*

Comunitaria (pp. 69-88). Málaga: Aljibe.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONFERENCES

- Sladkova, J. & **Paloma, V.** (2019, June). Peer and strength based approach to refugee integration in Seville, Spain. The Migration Conference, Bari, Italy.
- Paloma, V.** (2019, May). Experiencias de Transferencia hacia las Comunidades y las Políticas Públicas desde el Centro de Investigación y Acción Comunitaria de la Universidad de Sevilla. Invited conference at "III International Conference in Research and Innovation in Health Sciences: Health outcomes, impacts and policies", Universidad de Sevilla, Spain.
- Paloma, V.** (2018, October). Fortalecimiento de los Procesos de Resiliencia entre la Población Refugiada asentada en Sevilla. Invited conference at "I Jornadas Formativas sobre Aprendizaje Servicio: La Universidad al Servicio de la Comunidad", Universidad de Sevilla, Spain.
- Paloma, V.** (2018, June). Constructing Useful Knowledge for Immigrants and Refugees: Experiences from Southern Spain. Invited conference at University of Stockholm, Sweden.
- Lenzi, M., **Paloma, V.**, Furlanis, N., & Santinello, M. (2017, June). Civic participation and empowerment in immigrants: The role of a civically active neighborhood. 16th Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action (Division 27 of the American Psychological Association), Ottawa, Canada.
- Garrido, R., García-Ramírez, M., Albar, M.J., Escobar, M., & **Paloma, V.** (2017, August). Well-being of law enforcement officers at the Spanish southern border: A requirement for a humanitarian migration management. The Migration Conference, Athens, Greece.
- Paloma, V.**, García-Ramírez, M., & Carlos, C. (2014, September). Un Análisis Multinivel del Bienestar de la Población Migrante en España. 5th International Conference on Community Psychology: "Community Psychology in the Current World: Challenges, Limits and Practices", Fortaleza, Brasil.
- Guariso, G., **Paloma, V.**, Arias, S., & Garrido, R. (2014, June). Favorire L'attivismo Giovanile in Contesti di Vulnerabilità Sociale attraverso il Photovoice. 10° Convegno Nazionale SIPCO: "Costruire Comunità, Ospitali e Sostenibili", Cesena, Italy.
- Guariso, G., **Paloma, V.**, Arias, S., & Garrido, R. (2013, Noviembre). Photovoice as a research-intervention tool for community development in societally vulnerable contexts. 9th European Congress of Community Psychology, Naples, Italy.
- García-Ramírez, M., **Paloma, V.**, & Camacho, C. (2013, June). A social justice approach of migrant wellness: The case of Moroccan in Spain. Symposium at the 2013 Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action, Miami, USA.
- Paloma, V.** (2012, June). La justicia social del contexto de asentamiento como determinante del bienestar en la población marroquí del Sur de España. Fourth International Conference on Community Psychology, Barcelona, Spain.
- Marzana, D., **Paloma, V.**, Taurini, E., & Marta, E. (2012, June). What link between social action and sociocultural interaction? Fourth International Conference on Community Psychology, Barcelona, Spain.
- Paloma, V.** (2011, June). Determinantes del bienestar en la población inmigrante marroquí del Sur de España. Invited conference at Centro de Investigação e Estudos de Sociologia (CIES), del Instituto Universitario de Lisboa.
- Paloma, V.** (2010, March). Acculturative-Integration, self & citizenship construction. The experience of a grassroots organization in Spain. Poster session presented at the international workshop 'Health and social care for migrants and minorities' of Erasmus Curriculum Development Programme, Ghent University, Belgium.
- Paloma, V.**, García-Ramírez, M., Camacho, C., & Hernández-Plaza, S. (2010, June). Critiques of the mainstream acculturative perspective and proposals from Liberation psychology as a complementary view. In D. Perkins (Chair), Migration and community psychology. International symposium conducted at the meeting of the Third International Conference on Community Psychology, Puebla, Mexico.
- Paloma, V.**, García-Ramírez, M., De la Mata, M. & El Jebary, T. (2009, June). Acculturative Integration and Community Activism among Moroccan Women in Spain. Presentation at symposium. 12th Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action (SCRA). New Jersey, USA.



Hernández-Plaza, S., Garrido, R., Lopera, G., Manzano, V., & **Paloma, V.** (2009, June). Oppressive acculturation contexts: Opportunities and barriers for community integration and wellbeing among Moroccan immigrants in Southern Spain. 12th Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action (SCRA). New Jersey, USA.

Paloma, V., García-Ramírez, M., De la Mata, M. & AMAL (2009). Moroccan women grassroots organizations as empowering community settings. Workshop on The role of NGOs and CSOs in healthcare for migrants and ethnic minorities. Participation as invited expert. Lisbon (Portugal). COST Action HOME & Centre for research and studies in sociology (CIES).

Paloma, V. (2009, September). El papel del profesional de la Psicología en los procesos psicosociales de liberación. Invited conference at Universidad de El Salvador, Facultad Multidisciplinaria de Occidente.

INVITED RESEARCH STAYS

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|------------------------|---|
| July – September, 2015 | Instituto de Saúde Pública da Universidade do Porto (ISPUP) (Portugal)
Invited by Cláudia S. De Freitas |
| May – July, 2011 | Centro de Investigação e Estudos de Sociologia, Instituto Universitario de Lisboa (Portugal)
Invited by Beatriz Padilla |
| June – August, 2010 | University of Illinois at Chicago. Department of Psychology and Department of Disability and Human Development
Invited by Fabricio Balcázar |
| July –September, 2009 | Universidad Centroamericana José Simeón Cañas (UCA), San Salvador (El Salvador),
Invited by Mauricio Gaborit |

INTERNATIONAL TEACHING

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| May, 6-10th, 2019 | Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milán (Italia)
Invited by Daniela Marzana. Staff Mobility for Teaching (Erasmus+) |
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MEMBER OF EDITORIAL BOARDS

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| 2018 - | Journal of Community Practice |
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REVIEWER IN SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS

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| 2009 - | International Journal of Intercultural Relations |
| 2011 - | Psychosocial Intervention |
| 2016 - | Journal of Community Practice |
| 2017 - | Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies |
| 2017 - | Journal of Community Psychology |
| 2018 - | Journal of International Migration and Integration |

HONOURS AND AWARDS

- 2018 **Awarded in the Psychology College's Best Publication of the Year**
University of Seville. Second position by the publication: Paloma, V., Lenzi, M., Furlanis, N., Vieno, A., & García-Ramírez, M. (2018). Sociopolitical control for immigrants: The role of receiving local contexts. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 62 (1-2), 41-50. [ISI, Q1].
- 2014 **Awarded as Outstanding Doctorate of the Year**
PhD in Psychology, University of Seville
- 2008 - 2011 **Awarded with a FPI Spanish Research and Teaching Fellowship**
Department of Social Psychology, University of Seville
- 2008 **Awarded as Outstanding Graduate of the Year**
B.A. in Psychology, University of Seville
- 2008 **Awarded in the VII Iberoamerican Young Leaders Program**
Funded by Fundación Carolina, Banco Santander y Fundación Rafael del Pino

MEMBERSHIP IN RESEARCH GROUPS

- 2009 – Present **Member of the Research Group "CESPYD: The Center of Community Research and Action at University of Seville" (HUM 873).**

From 2019 as Director.
- 2008 – 2009 **Member of the Research Group "Clinical Intervention in Behavioral Medicine and Health Psychology" (CTS-432)**